



"Every Drop is Precious"

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Rajasthan Community Business Alliance on Water

Indian Business Alliance on Water (IBAW) is promoting Rajasthan Community Business Alliance on Water (RCBAW), a partnership between Government of Rajasthan (GoR) and Confederation of Indian Industry, Rajasthan (CII) to implement statewide water and watershed management programme, incorporating Public Private Community Partnership (PPCP) models.

As a follow up of the project development workshop held in Jaipur in April 2006, RCBAW has invited PPCP projects on the identified thematic areas. RCBAW shortlisted 8 proposals matching the identified criteria from Industry and NGOs. The Additional Chief Secretary, GoR (Infrastructure) convened a preparatory meeting of RCBAW on 9 Oct 2006 to review the progress of proposals. Subsequently the Second Joint Task Force on Water met on 21 November 2006 at Hotel Clarks Amer Jaipur under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, GoR (Infrastructure) to discuss various project proposals received under RCBAW.

The summary of the project proposals received under RCBAW are as below

S.No	Submitted by	Proposal on	Activity
1	Shree Cements	Municipal waste water recycling at Beawar town, Ajmer district, Rajasthan	The project proposes to reuse 1000 cubic meters of municipal wastewater for industrial purpose. This will help to minimize the effects of municipal waste water discharge.
2	Shree Cements	Construction of water harvesting structure (ANICUT) in Andheri Deori village and RAS village, in Ajmer and Pali districts.	The proposed construction of water harvesting structure envisages to address the drinking water and agricultural needs in the identified area. This would result in creation of additional command area and also improvement in the quality of life of the farmers.
3	Chambal Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd	Construction of WHS (ANICUT) Masonry Weir Across Kali Sindh River in Gadepan village of Kota district	Commissioning of the project will ensure availability of drinking water in near by villages.
4	ITC Rural Development Trust	PPCP for Water Harvesting & Management at Chittorgarh, Jhalwar & Bundi districts	The project conceptualizes construction of approximately 200 Water harvesting structures in the proposed districts. This would benefit 2500 farmers and also create 2400 ha of additional command area.
5	ITC Rural Development Trust	Watershed management at Pratapgarh Tehsil of Chittorgarh district	The project proposes ecologically sound regeneration in the project area, introduction of effective soil & water conservation measures for improving agricultural productivity, & livelihood.
6	Doshion	Desalination Plant at Barmer, Jaisalmer, Bharatpur, Jaipur, Nagpur, Jalore and Sirohi.	The proposal envisages installing desalination plants at the identified areas. This would result in availability of potable water, improvement in the health condition of people and reduction in morbidity & mortality rates. Doshion has proposed to set up the plant on Build Own Operate Transfer (BOOT) basis.
7	Doshion	Sewage Treatment Plant at Ajmer, Bikaner, Jaipur, Jodhpur and Kota	A STP would be set up in the identified areas that would treat municipal wastewater. The treated water could be used for applications like gardening, toilet flushing and industrial use. The said plant would be set up under a BOOT model.
8	Jal Bhagirathi Foundation	Desalination Plant	The proposal envisages setting up of a community level desalination plant. With the commissioning of the scheme, water will be available @ 10 paise/ litre in Godawas of Barmer district compared to the current 25 paise / litre from private vendors.
9	CII & Government of Rajasthan	Water Institute at Jaipur	AMoU was signed between GoR and CII for setting up of Water institute. The institute envisages providing water related services for ensuring overall management of water, pursuing research on water management, liasoning with organizations for promoting water conservation, advocacy for water management & conservation and influence policy measures on water.



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The GoR is holding meetings with the Industry, NGO's to negotiate terms to finalise MoU's for the above project proposals.

To submit proposal for PPCP water projects in Rajasthan please contact chandan.chawla@undp.org or sabyasachi.nayak@undp.org

Water Institute at Rajasthan

The key initiative under RCBAW is to set up Water Institute at Jaipur. Government of Rajasthan and CII signed a MoU at Water Summit 2006, Jaipur. The objective of MoU is to explore the feasibility and modalities of setting up of "Water Institute" at Jaipur, Rajasthan. The purpose of the Institute is to facilitate National sustainable water resource management. The activities of the proposed Institute will cover all sectors and businesses across the country.

The proposed key functions of Water Institute are

- One stop solution provider on water management
- Facilitating rain water harvesting
- Facilitating industry and community participation in integrated water resources management
- Mobilizing multilateral agencies and donors support for the water projects



Water Audits

In pursuance with the water management study in Rajasthan, CII has initiated action for conducting detailed water audit in water intensive industries and large hotel establishments. The purpose of the audit is to facilitate integrated water management by encouraging recycle and reuse of wastewater, promoting rainwater harvesting and implementation of water saving devices and to explore avenues for reducing fresh water use.

The initiative has received good response and CII has conducted preliminary audits in four industrial houses in the first phase.

1. Emgee Cables & Communication Ltd
2. Wires & Fabriks Ltd
3. Jagjanani Textiles
4. Rajputana Palace Shereon

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